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FREE FILM SCREENING CELEBRATES "BLOOMSDAY"

"Joyce to the World" Film Looks at the Global Bloomsday Phenomenon

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library will host a screening of *Joyce to the World*, which explores the global phenomenon known as "Bloomsday," on Thursday, June 16, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Bloomsday is celebrated every year on June 16th, when lovers of Joyce's masterpiece *Ulysses* and Joyceans around the world open a book, raise a pint, and dress in costume in homage to their fictional heroes. This free event is open to the public.

Bloomsday is observed annually in Dublin and elsewhere to celebrate Joyce's legacy and relive the events in *Ulysses*, which take place on that single day, June 16, 1904. The odyssey of Leopold Bloom is set in a world of pubs, shops, churches and urban street life in Dublin. International Bloomsday celebrations include cultural and literary activities such as readings, dramatizations, pub crawls, Broadway performances, street festivals, and general merriment. With extensive biographical footage and commentary, *Joyce to the World* explores why so many are drawn to Joyce's work.

Come and discover the passion and issues and joys that make *Ulysses* so compelling that it continues to attract devoted readers and admirers one hundred years after its publication.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at www.sandiegolibrary.org.

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